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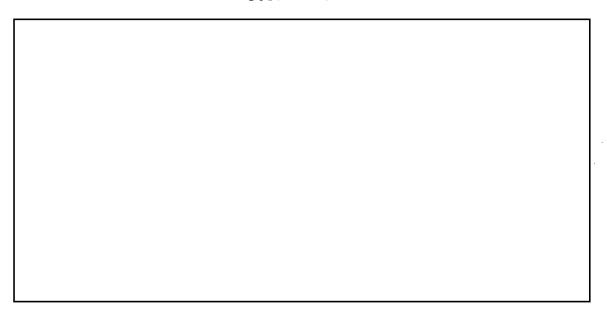
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## NOTE

Egypt: A shortage of trained pilots is limiting the capability of the Egyptian Air Force. Although Egypt may have enough pilots to fly its more than 300 fighter aircraft, reportedly no more than 120 of the pilots are combat-ready. Egyptian Air Force officers are said to believe it will be necessary to have 400 trained pilots before Egypt can gain air superiority in any offensive against Israel. A number of Egyptians are receiving pilot training in the USSR, but it will take months before they can be considered combat-ready.

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